# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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Healthcare Schemes for the Youth
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

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(a) whether the Government proposes to launch any healthcare scheme for the youth;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for preventing the youth from drug abuse;

(c) the details of works undertaken by the Government in the field of de-addiction during the last three years; and

(d) the success achieved as a result thereof?

## Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare implements several schemes for health care for the people including for the youth.

(b): The Ministry Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, inter alia, conducts awareness generation programmes against Drugs/Substance abuse through print, electronic and social media. Information regarding ill-effects of alcoholism and drug abuse is also disseminated in regional languages through the All India Radio and also through advertisements in news papers.

i) International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is celebrated on 26th June every year to sensitize the people about the ill effects of drug abuse. National Awards are conferred to individuals and institutions in recognition of their efforts and to encourage excellence in the field of prevention of drug abuse.

ii) A National Toll Free drug de-addiction helpline Number 1800-11-0031 has been set-up w.e.f. 07.01.2015 to help the victims of Drug abuse, their family and society at large.

iii) National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), an Autonomous body under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment organizes sensitization programme in Schools and Colleges in collaboration with Regional Resource and Training Centres (RRTCs) and other collaborating partners and also through participation in various fairs like India International Trade Fair, Shilpostav at Delhi Haat for dissemination of information on drug abuse.

iv) Awareness and outreach programmes are undertaken involving organizations like Nehru Yuva Scheme (NSS), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY) to create awareness in children and youth about the harmful effects of substance abuse.

v) Two Regional Workshops were organised during 2015-16 in collaboration with NSS at Shillong and Indore to sensitize NSS Co-ordinators.

vi) The regulations of substance is done through Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985, which was framed taking into account India's obligation under the three United Nation Drug Conventions viz. Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, Convention of Psychotropic Substance, 1971 and the United Nation Convention against illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988 as well as Article 47 of the Constitution of India. The Act prohibits, except for medicinal or scientific purpose, the manufacture, production, trade, use etc. of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. The Act provides for stringent penalties/rigorous provisions for consumption as well as for illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. Both Central and State Governments have been empowered to enforce the provisions of the Act.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has been implementing a Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse under which financial assistance is provided to NGOs/Voluntary Organisations for running Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCAs), organizing de-addiction camps and conducting awareness programmes about the ill-effect of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse. Grant-in-aid released to the NGOs under the Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse during the last three years and current year is attached as Annexure.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is running 3 De-addiction centres at AIIMS, Ghaziabad, NIMHANS, Bangalore and PGIMER, Chandigarh. These Institutions not only cater to the need of patients but also conduct awareness programme, capacity building and research work in order to provide preventive and better services to patients care.